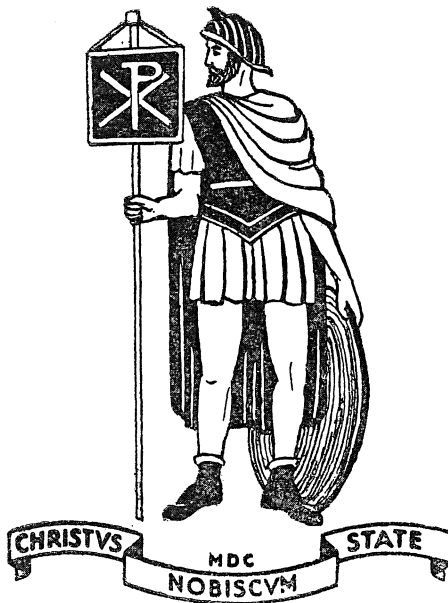


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SUMMER REUNION

There was a good attendance of Old Scholars at the annual Summer Reunion, which was held at School on Saturday, July 21st. During the afternoon tennis was organised by Frances Highman and Gillian Winspear. In the evening, proceedings opened with a short business meeting, at the conclusion of which a programme comprising dancing and party games began. After a break for a buffet meal, the Reunion continued until close on midnight, when a most enjoyable evening was closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and with the Grand Goodnight.

DANCES

During 1956 three Old Scholars' dances have been arranged by the committee.

On Shrove Tuesday, February 14th, a Valentine Dance was held at the Crawford Memorial Hall, Bidford-on-Avon. The support given to this dance was very satisfactory.

On Tuesday, April 3rd, a dance was organised at the Town Hall, Alcester. Reg Roberts and his orchestra supplied the music.

On Friday, November 2nd, a dance took place at the Entaco Hall, Studley, with the same orchestra. A very large number of Old Scholars and friends attended.

WINTER REUNION

This has been arranged to take place at School on Saturday, December 22nd, starting at 7.30 p.m. The committee hope that there will be a good attendance. Notices of this Reunion will shortly be sent out to Old Scholars, who are asked not to delay too long their replies.

At the Reunion, Mrs. Feast will have a supply of Scarves, Ties and Badges for sale to Old Scholars.

SCHOOL REGISTER

Valete

Bailey, T. O. (VI), 1949-56.
 Baseley, V. H. (VI), 1949-56.
 Bates, P. (VI), 1949-56.
 Bolt, R. M. (VI), 1950-56.
 Highman, R. M. (VI), 1949-56.
 Hunt, S. P. (VI), 1949-56.
 Oseland, W. C. (VI), 1949-56.
 Pope, B. (VI), 1949-56.
 Rawbone, J. E. (VI), 1949-56.
 Swinglehurst, E. A. (VI), 1949-56.
 Walker, P. (VI), 1950-56.
 Baylis, J. P. (VA), 1951-56.
 Betteridge, P. M. (VA), 1951-56.
 Boswell, N. C. (VA), 1951-56.
 Broadley, R. W. (VA), 1950-56.
 Dyke, M. (VA), 1952-56.
 Grosvenor, A. (VA), 1951-56.
 Harris, P. R. (VA), 1951-56.
 Holt, E. A. (VA), 1950-56.
 Jackson, F. Y. (VA), 1951-56.
 Jordan, J. M. (VA), 1951-56.
 Keen, C. R. (VA), 1955-56.
 Manning, J. (VA), 1951-56.
 Mills, D. J. (VA), 1951-56.

Moulson, J. (VA), 1954-56.
 Nixon, B. R. (VA), 1951-56.
 Smith, D. J. (VA), 1951-56.
 Smith, P. A. (VA), 1951-56.
 Wesson, A. (VA), 1951-56.
 Woolnough, P. A. (VA), 1954-56.
 Benfield, I. (VB), 1951-56.
 Buskin, P. (VB), 1951-56.
 Crooke, J. T. (VB), 1951-56.
 Croyden, L. A. (VB), 1951-56.
 Davis, F. F. (VB), 1951-56.
 Gordon, J. M. (VB), 1951-56.
 Hancox, J. C. (VB), 1951-56.
 Hunt, A. T. (VB), 1951-56.
 Lively, V. M. (VB), 1951-56.
 Peach, G. H. (VB), 1951-56.
 Pinfield, M. A. (VB), 1951-56.
 Ross, A. (VB), 1951-56.
 Stowe, L. G. (VB), 1951-56.
 Sutton, J. C. (VB), 1951-56.
 Young, M. C. (VB), 1951-56.
 Nicholls, G. N. E. (IVA), 1955-56.
 Leleu, J. C. (IIB), 1954-56.

Salvete

Aulton, D. J. (IA).
 Bailey, A. (IA).
 Bartlett, R. A. (IA).
 Baylis, J. R. (IA).
 Beale, T. J. (IA).
 Biddle, R. M. (IB).
 Blake, W. (IB).
 Bolton, S. A. (IB).
 Bradley, R. T. (IA).
 Braines, A. T. (IB).
 Buckingham, M. (IA).
 Burn, R. J. (IA).
 Busby, I. (IA).
 Cartmale, J. A. (IB).
 Clarke, S. M. (IA).
 Cooke, D. E. (IA).
 Craddock, P. T. (IA).
 Craig, J. S. (IB).
 Dorrington, D. W. (IB).
 Drinkwater, B. J. (IA).
 Duxbury, J. (IA).

Folwell, J. R. (IB).
 Foster, R. W. (IB).
 Handy, P. J. (IA).
 Harber, R. J. (IA).
 Hartwell, K. H. (IIB).
 Hedney, B. C. (IB).
 Houston, J. M. (IIIA).
 Hughes, V. A. (IB).
 Ison, P. J. (IA).
 Jarrett, C. M. (IA).
 King, D. S. (IIB).
 Leach, D. S. (IA).
 Light, H. S. (IB).
 Lord, R. G. (IB).
 Morgan, H. (IA).
 Mutton, G. L. (IIA).
 Nichol, V. (IA).
 Nield, I. (IB).
 Nightingale, S. D. (IA).
 Nortcliffe, C. R. (IA).
 Oram, C. J. (IA).
 Parker, H. V. (IB).

Price, A. V. (IA).
 Rainsforth, F. G. (IB).
 Rigby, C. S. R. (IB).
 Shakespeare, R. (IB).
 Sherlock, P. M. (IA).
 Simmonds, I. F. (IA).
 Smith, J. S. P. (IA).
 Smith, L. H. (IB).
 Spooner, R. (IB).
 Such, C. J. (IB).
 Swain, J. L. (IA).
 Taft, M. A. (IB).
 Tallis, R. (IB).
 Taylor, P. (IB).
 Thomas, G. V. (IB).
 Timms, R. H. (IA).
 Tyler, C. L. (IA).
 Ward, D. P. (IB).
 Ward, J. (IB).
 Wilkes, J. M. (IA).
 Wilkes, P. J. (IB).

There have been 333 pupils in attendance this term.

BIRTHS

On May 1st, to Mr. and Mrs. P. Baylis—a son.

On July 25th, to Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Holton (née Margaret Barker)—a son.

On July 26th, to Mr. and Mrs. D. Austin (née Sheila Woolley)—a son.

On August 8th, to Mr. and Mrs. G. Sweet (née Rita Bladon)—a son.

On September 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Browne (née Betty Black)—a son.

On September 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Faulkner (née Beryl Jensen)—a son.

On October 5th, to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Munro (née Kathleen Roberts)—a daughter.

On October 12th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Morris (née Pauline Easthope)—a daughter.

- On October 25th, to Mr. and Mrs. R. French (née Rhoda Winwood)—
a daughter.
On October 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. M. Warwick (née Iris Daffern)—
a son.
On October 29th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Ore—a son.

MARRIAGES

- On May 19th, at Bristol, John R. Sanders (scholar 1942-46) to Helen Wilmot.
On June 30th, at Studley, Roderick John Spooner (scholar 1935-43) to Winifred Mary Duffin.
On June 30th, at Adelaide, South Australia, Keith Matthews to Janet J. Lane (scholar 1942-47).
On July 7th, at Bidford-on-Avon, Horace T. Coleman to Muriel Kathleen Bott (scholar 1946-51).
On July 14th, at Astwood Bank, Peter Gilbert Drew (scholar 1947-51) to Janet Elizabeth Walton.
On July 28th, at Bidford-on-Avon, Ivor Graham Clark to Jeanette M. Langston (scholar 1949-54).
On August 18th, at Beoley, Edward Astley Sargeant (scholar (1945-50) to Margaret Ann Balls.
On September 1st, at Stratford-on-Avon, Roger Kenneth Allen to Josephine Patricia Preston (scholar 1942-48).
On September 1st, at Shottery, Stephen Ben Whiteley to Patricia Evelyn Gibson (scholar 1946-51).
On September 1st, at Hampton Lucy, Henry Arthur Gough to Dorothy Palmer (scholar 1947-52).
On September 15th, at Studley, Graham G. Cooke to Yvonne N. Jones (scholar 1946-51).
On September 29th, at Morton Bagot, Robert C. Burrows to Esther Jean Kinnersley (scholar 1943-47).
On September 29th, at Welford-on-Avon, Michael Shorey to Audrey Edkins (scholar 1946-51).
On September 29th, in London, Horace H. Knight (scholar 1939-44) to Vera Phyllis Wood.
On October 1st, at Bidford-on-Avon, Brian John Wesson (scholar 1946-52) to Eileen Kay Fielding (scholar 1948-53).
On October 28th, at Dorridge, Thomas Henry Ganderton (scholar 1941-46) to Patricia Ann Nailer.
On October 28th, at Salford Priors, Eugene Thomas Pace (scholar 1941-48) to Marie Elizabeth Clarke.

OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

On Tuesday, July 10th, in a tennis match with the Staff, the Old Scholars won by five sets to four. The Old Scholars' team was J. A. Savage and Gillian Winspear, M. Yeomans and Frances Highman, H. Feast and Natalie Williams.

In a match with the School tennis VI, an Old Scholars' team won by five sets to four, the Old Scholars being represented by Frances Highman, Margaret Woodfield, Anne Hemming, Mary Bunting, Ann Lidgley and a substitute.

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W. G. Hunt was a member of the flying staff of the Argonaut air liner for part of the journey on both the outward and the return flights of H.R.H. Princess Margaret during her recent tour of Africa. He was also among the flying staff of the plane on which H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh travelled en route for Australia.

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Barbara Druller has obtained her B.A. degree of London University with third-class honours in French.

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Joan Wainwright has obtained her certificate in the theory and practice of Physiotherapy and has been admitted to the register of Physiotherapists.

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J. B. Hemming obtained first-class honours in the final of the City and Guilds of London examination (plumbing and sanitation).

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For the third successive year Barbara Druller has been selected as goalkeeper for London University ladies.

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Ann Swinglehurst has obtained her place in the first hockey team of Manchester University.

IS THERE A BRITISH COLOUR BAR?

A few weeks ago, a television programme excited my interest in this particular topic. Before seeing this programme I should have felt inclined to scoff at any suggestion that this evil monster was raising its ugly head in Britain. Now I am not so sure.

It is most probable that any person in the street, when asked if they thought that a colour bar existed or should exist, would say "No"; but if that same person was asked to take in and give lodging to a coloured man, even if they did have ample room for him, it is most likely that they would refuse. Why?

It is common knowledge that officially there is no colour bar in Britain. What is not common knowledge is that many people set up their own psychological colour bar, although they do not realise it. How many white people would sit by a coloured person on a 'bus if there was another vacant seat? Why is there this "shrinking away" from a man because his skin is a different colour?

A possible explanation is that from the birth of the human race, man has been afraid of dark things. He feared the night and fled from dark places. His fear of darkness was only equalled by his fear of silence. Wizards, Warlocks and Witches have always been portrayed with long black voluminous gowns, and the witch's cat was invariably an animal

with coal-black fur. Black has always been the colour associated with death. The Ace of Spades in a pack of playing cards is reputed to be the symbol of death. Even to-day, the clothes worn by mourners at a funeral are black.

From childhood, individuals are led, partly by their own instincts and partly by the influence of other people, to regard black with a sense of fear. Children are told that if they behave badly a "black man" will have them, and on other occasions, on inquiring the whereabouts of their mother, are often informed that she has "run off with a black man." We must ask ourselves if this inherited fear of black can be connected in any way with the behaviour of the white man towards the black man.

Beneath his controversial layer of pigment, the black man is the same as his white brother. Their body metabolisms are in no way unlike. The Bible tells us that God created man; colours are not mentioned; we may therefore assume that if He created the white man, He also created the black. If the white man goes to heaven, is there any reason why a black man should not? Does the Lord set apart a special place for a man because of the colour of his skin? In the midst of this, we must consider Jesus himself, who, although not a black man in the strictest sense of the word, certainly was not white!

What a person believes is entirely up to himself. It is a matter of opinion. If you do not agree with my hypothesis, there is nothing I can do to persuade you. If you can find satisfaction and peace of mind from your own theory, you will have no interest in the suggestions of others.

N. PINFIELD (Form VI).

A SPANISH HOLIDAY

This year I was lucky: I went to Spain, a country I had often dreamed of visiting.

My parents and I went by car to Dover, from there to Boulogne by car-ferry, and on to Paris. We travelled south and went through the "Massif Central," a long chain of mountains; then, in the Pyrenées, we reached, at 3,500 feet, the town of Puigcerda, on the Spanish frontier. It was six in the evening then, and we went on towards Barcelona.

Soon the night overtook us. We were alone on a narrow, winding road with rocks on our left and a dangerous precipice on our right. We drove on, not even meeting another vehicle, passing no villages, and in complete darkness. At about ten o'clock our headlights pointed to a board which read "Planolas," and a woman walked towards us. We shouted to her in a language which to us was Spanish. She hurried away at first, perhaps terrified. Then the lowering of our voices brought her nearer to the car. From our conversation booklet we asked for a place to eat and sleep. She replied in Spanish, pointing to a steep siding and pronouncing several times the words "La Fonda." Later we gathered this meant "a small inn." The path led us to the village of Planolas.

Our car was at once surrounded by the inhabitants. The atmosphere was deliciously warm and everyone was wide awake. A Spaniard, who spoke French, invited us into the one small inn.

After a good meal, we were asked to occupy comfortable chairs outside in the square. Spanish children danced to a gramophone playing folklore tunes. I was thrilled to watch them. Later some women took over and performed more elaborate dances.

The next morning we were sorry to leave this charming little village.

At midday we arrived at Barcelona, the second largest town in Spain. The sun was burning; we had a meal in a restaurant, then found a suitable hotel. Life in Spain seems to begin at eight in the evening and goes on until two and three in the morning. Dinner was at nine o'clock. The heat in summer is unbearable during the day. Barcelona has beautiful boulevards, squares and magnificent gardens. At night, illuminated fountains show an extraordinary variety of colours.

On Sunday we watched a bull fight, a spectacle so dear to every Spaniard. The fight takes place in a large arena, similar to those the Romans built. Six bulls were killed. During one fight a spectator, disapproving of the poor display of the toreador and matadors, jumped into the arena with a red flag in his hands. The matadors had to keep the bull away, and the man was chased out and handed over to the police, but the public was pleased and applauded.

A band played and the toreador was cheered every time a dead bull was drawn out by four horses. We spent that evening in a restaurant on the beach.

The following day we left Barcelona for a quiet seaside resort called Tossa del Mar, a small fishing village surrounded by a lovely shallow bay and at one end topped by an old castle and a lighthouse. We stayed at an hotel along the sea front.

In the mornings, the returning fishermen, singing and shouting, kept us awake before we really wanted breakfast. At six o'clock in the evening, an old church, dating back to the sixteenth century, filled the air with religious music from a loudspeaker, the music being echoed by the mountains. Two weeks' stay seemed too short in this paradise, where the sky is always blue, the sea is so smooth, and the people so gay.

I hope to go to Spain again and discover more about its picturesque towns and its inhabitants.

A. TAGGER (Form VB).

MISADVENTURES

My parents told the house agent that they wanted a small house in the country with no extra room than was necessary. The house he showed them fulfilled these specifications. It was a mere box eight miles from a bus route and the kitchen was just big enough to hold two adults standing up. The house agent said proudly: "It's only £2,800." After looking at several of these barns, my parents decided to purchase a caravan.

It started on the day the van was delivered to them. Their neighbour, Jones Evans (he said he was Welsh), said that his only fault was the tendency to experiment with the unknown.

His eye first caught the gleaming copper hot water tank above the stove, and he said : "I wonder how much hot water the tank holds? Put your hand in and find out." My father pushed his hand in through the tank's filling hole in the bottom of the airing cupboard. Cheerfully he felt inside the tank, then tried to withdraw his hand. It was no good! It was stuck! Below the tank the stove was glowing merrily, rejoicing in its maiden fire. Suddenly the awful truth dawned on him—his hand was going to be boiled alive. "I'm stuck," he gasped.

"Don't be an idiot," said Jones Evans. "You got your hand in, so it is bound to come out." Finally my father convinced him that he was really stuck. Twenty minutes later Jones Evans and his wife freed him by applying lard to the rim of the filling hole, but worse was to happen.

Jones Evans advised him to examine all the gas pipes. "They may have been damaged during the tow," he said. After he had left and my mother had gone on a shopping expedition, father started the examination. At one point the pipe ran through a wardrobe. The wardrobe was spacious, so he stepped inside and inspected the pipe.

Then the dog walked by—he was a large animal, and one touch from his flank slammed the door tightly shut. The door was secured on the outside by a T-handle, which gripped automatically—father was locked in. He shouted for help, but nobody heard him, so he sat in the bottom of the wardrobe and cursed the dog. Three hours later he was freed—enough trouble for one day, he thought.

They gave a van-warming party that night. Their guests were all experienced caravan dwellers of years standing, and contrary to what my parents had been told of the dangers to health they all looked astonishingly fit. They laughed when father told them of his day's misfortunes, but advised him not to worry. Jones Evans looked grave, and said : "There is only one thing to worry about in a van, and that's cows." But as my parents were not going to keep cows in their van they were not worried.

JOAN COLLIER (Form IVB).

" TEN-TEN-TEN-TEN "

OR SHOPPING WITH A DIFFERENCE

The excitement was tense as the auctioneer mounted his stand and took his seat behind the drab little table. He glanced down at the jumbled collection of articles around him, then he glanced at the clock, gave a scarcely discernible sigh, and nodded towards his two jobmen. They held up a large disreputable-looking chair.

"Lot number one. Now what am I bid for this comfortable easy chair, in very good condition? Give me fifteen shillings. Give me ten shillings. Give me five shillings. Five, five, five, seven-six, seven-six, nine shillings. Nine, nine, nine, nine. Right. Thank you. Your name, madam? . . . Lot number two. A large mirror . . ."

By now my eyes were eagerly scanning the varied assortment of articles. At last they came to rest on that most mysterious of things, a wooden box! Raising myself to a superior height by standing on my toes, I perceived that the box held a large number of the most fascinating things on earth—books.

I waited with impatience until finally Lot 43 was announced.

"Two boxes of books. What am I bid for the books? Give me fifteen shillings. Give me ten shillings. Give me five. Who'll give me five shillings? Five shillings I'm bid. Five, five, five . . ."

Tentatively, I raised two fingers in what I hoped was the nonchalant gesture of someone well accustomed to making such purchases.

"Seven-and-six I'm bid. Eight shillings, eight, eight, eight—ah, ten shillings! Ten, ten, ten, ten—Name, please?"

Receiving a sharp nudge from my mother, who had been an interested, if somewhat amused, spectator, I suddenly realized that I was the owner of two large wooden boxes of books, and no longer the owner of a month's pocket-money!

GILLIAN CLEWS (Form IV Λ).

NOTES AND NEWS

The Autumn Term opened on Tuesday, September 11th, and closes on Thursday, December 20th.

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The head boy is Finnemore, and the head girl is Ann Freeman.

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The prefects are:—*Boys*: Finnemore, Lewis i, Merris, Parker, Pinfield, Sale, Treadgold, Rouse, Sheppard; *Girls*: Ann Freeman, Priscilla Apperley, Muriel Harrison, Mary James, Muriel Lowe, Janet Bullock, Jill Burford, Pauline Chandler, Jean Cowper, Anne Harvey, Mary Norden, Alma Taylor, Mary Thomas, Sheila Wiles.

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The Sides captains are:—*Brownies*: Finnemore, M. Norden (games), P. Apperley (arts and crafts); *Jackals*: Pinfield, J. Burford (games), P. Chandler (arts and crafts); *Tomtits*: Treadgold, M. Lowe (games), M. James (arts and crafts).

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Games captains are:—*Football*: Pinfield; *Hockey*: M. Norden; *Netball*: J. Burford.

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Ruth Highman was among the representatives of Warwickshire in the A.A.A. inter-county school sports at Plymouth on Friday, July 20th.

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In the final of the tennis cup tournament, played on Thursday, July 26th, Ann Swinglehurst beat Josephine Holt 6-2, 3-6, 6-1.

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On Thursday, July 5th, a party of Sixth Form girls, with Miss Norman, attended the tennis tournaments at Wimbledon.

On Tuesday, July 24th, Mr. Hadwen took a party from the Sixth Form to Bromsgrove for the annual conference of the Student Christian Movement.

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A large party, organized by Mr. Petherbridge, travelled through the Cotswolds, on Wednesday, July 25th, with Berkeley as their destination. An impression of this outing appears on another page.

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The annual Staff v. VIth Form tennis match was played in the evening of Monday, July 23rd, the VIth Form winning by 121 games to 104. The teams were:—*Staff*: Mr. Petherbridge and Miss Sim; Mr. Tidmarsh and Miss Young; Miss Evans and Mrs. Jenkins; Miss Morris and Miss Norman; Mrs. Haynes and Miss Pickard; *VIth Form*: Bates and A. Swinglehurst; Merris and R. Highman; Pinfield and S. Hunt; Finnemore and M. James; Walker and J. Rawbone.

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The picture awarded for neatness was won by Form IIA.

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Athletics colours have been awarded to Finnemore, Parker, Stowe, Walker, R. Highman, J. Burford.

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At the end of the Summer Term we said goodbye to Mrs. B. Haynes and Miss A. Pickard. This term we welcome to the Staff Mr. J. Packham to teach biology, and Miss J. Britton to teach domestic subjects.

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Half term was Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 29th to 31st.

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Two parties of Upper School pupils have this term attended performances of "The Merchant of Venice" at the Memorial Theatre, Stratford-on-Avon. The first party was on Thursday, November 8th, and the other on Wednesday, November 14th.

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Medical inspections for both boys and girls have been conducted this term; for the boys at the end of October, for the girls early in November.

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The sale of poppies in school prior to November 11th brought in a sum of £10 for Earl Haig's Fund.

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In response to an appeal made by the Headmaster for contributions to the Hungarian relief fund, the very gratifying sum of £95 6s. was subscribed. The School can feel that it has done its bit.

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Talks on choice of careers were given on Tuesday, November 20th, to boys and girls of the Fifth Forms.

A BUSY WEEK-END

In my summer holidays it is usual for me to help with the harvest, but this year the weather was so bad that when I returned to school we had not even started.

At about the middle of September, however, the weather took a change for the better. The only trouble now was that we hadn't got a combine! After much thought and discussion we had a new trailer model on trial, but the ground was so wet that both tractor and machine sank right in up to their axles.

A week later, on a Friday, we tried again with a larger tractor, with better results. After school I helped in collecting up the sacks until it was dark, after which it was not possible to work because the combine did not possess lights.

On Saturday we continued until we had finished the field, which was at about six o'clock, and then decided to call it a day. At half-past nine, however, there was a telephone call from the contractor we had been expecting, saying that his combine was in our field and ready to start. At this there was a turmoil of activity, and an hour later my brother and I were busy on the bagging platform bagging up barley, which was running at about two tons to the acre.

When five o'clock Sunday morning came we decided to stop for a little sleep, which in my case terminated at eight o'clock. After breakfast I did my homework, and at midday we were all back on the job. The weather was not to be trusted, and the contractor wanted to get as much work done as possible, because he was so far behind with his commitments.

I worked on the combine until eleven o'clock Sunday night, by which time I was beginning to feel tired. The next morning the combine was still going, so before I went to school I had to feed all the fowl.

On Monday night my father went to bed, not having been to sleep except for three hours since Saturday morning.

We finally finished combining on Tuesday, having combined about fifty acres since the previous Friday.

Fortunately for us we managed to get everything in, and although the harvest was spoilt in some respects, the yield was good.

M. P. FINNEMORE (Form VI).

SCHOOL OUTING, 1956

This year's school outing took place on July 25th, when an assorted party visited the Cotswolds.

There was a slight delay in starting owing to the failure to turn up of the boy to whom the list had been entrusted. After this had been cleared up we set forth for the great unknown.

Our first stop was at Dover's Hill, near Chipping Campden. This proved to be a surprisingly steep slope of great interest to the geographical student.

It was decided by some of us to walk back to the coaches through

the fields below this hill. When we finally reached these after a perilous but accident-free descent we discovered that they consisted of coarse grass under which lay surprisingly large quantities of a soft and smelly substance, still unidentified, which clung to us faithfully for some time afterwards.

From Dover's Hill we went to Chedworth, where there may be found the remains of a Roman villa. With a little imagination this villa may be pictured as it was when occupied; all the different rooms are identified by instructive notices placed near each.

It was when waiting for the coach drivers to remove us from the locality that the lure of food overcame many of our group, and an interesting scene developed when an overshaken "pop" bottle opened disturbingly quickly and unexpectedly, to the discomfort of those seated directly in front of it, one of whom was heard to threaten that he would "smack someone's crust" if the occurrence was repeated. However, peace was soon restored and we left for Uley Long Barrow.

This is a very old burial mound, the constructors of which so arranged things that entry was extremely difficult due to the low doorway. This generally annoyed people, which probably accounts for the fact that a member of the staff, exploring a particularly dark part of the hole, uttered an amazingly loud scream which echoed eerily for some time to the discomfiture of several female would-be archæologists. The cause of the scream was, after investigation, found to be one of our party who was grubbing about in the previously-mentioned dark recess and who popped up suddenly when the member of staff approached.

Berkeley Castle was our next visiting place. This proved to be a fine old building with many guides who showed us over innumerable rooms, all containing rare and valuable antique furniture and decorations.

The grounds, too, had many attractions, one of which was the generous teas provided. The taking of photographs occupied much of the time in the grounds, and this was only ended when it was time to leave for the "Devil's Chimney," near Cheltenham.

This is a tall pillar of rock quite isolated from the rest of the hill, and is truly a most imposing sight. When this had been sufficiently admired, we moved once more toward the coaches, which were situated by this time at the foot of an extremely steep and slippery slope, the descent of which proved difficult in the extreme, various undignified postures being noticed in our group, including one boy who, unable to stop by orthodox methods, deliberately ran into a small tree to arrest his descent.

However, we all arrived safely and set out for home. Our return journey was rendered more enjoyable by the amusing sleeping habits of a boy who seemed inexplicably tired.

To conclude, I would like to thank all the members of staff who worked so hard to make this trip such a success, and to express hope that many more equally enjoyable outings will take place in the future.

D. E. SALE (Form VI).

A SHELL HUNTER'S PARADISE

The bus stopped at the cross-roads at John o'Groats, and we all got out—my parents, my sister Hilary, and I. John o'Groats consisted of an hotel, a few houses, two souvenir shops, and a post-office. The shops and post-office sold cards, mostly with the same views on them but taken at different angles.

We had come to John o'Groats, partly because it was famous and partly because we had heard that the beach was very good for shell-collecting.

We could not see the beach from the village, and as it was a very hot day we were disappointed to discover that it was quite a long walk. At last we stepped from the rough path on to a beach of mauve and white shell fragments. In front of us were rocks and beautiful rock pools. The sea was very blue and we could see the distant Orkney Islands and liners steaming through the Pentland Firth. Not far away was a colony of Arctic terns; and other birds appeared to be nesting on the nearby cliffs of Duncansby Head.

The rock pools were wonderful. Both rocks and pools were rectangular in shape, so we were not surprised to learn that paving stones were once exported from this county of Caithness. The water in the pools was very warm, and each had a carpet of whole shells on the bottom, including cowries (called "Groatie Buckies" in the guide book). Several pools had tiny fish darting in them, and one even had a small eel, which swam under a stone when I called to Hilary to come and have a look at it.

We explored the rock pools for two hours and then had a picnic tea before catching the bus back to Thurso, where we were staying.

HELEN JACKSON (Form IIA).

MY PEN

My pen is very faithful, and even growing old,
It's written many a story which never may be told.
It's green and gold with a bitten top
(A very bad habit I cannot stop),
Its nib is bent and it will not fill
(I'd probably be better with a quill).
But still it writes, so why should I
Discard it and a new pen try?
Because old pens are best, of course.
To lose it would fill me with remorse.
So, if mislaid it should become,
Return it to me if you are my chum.

JANET DUGMORE (Form VB).

WHY?

Dear Mr. Editor, please hear my cry,
And tell me if you can the reason why.
Although I've written articles before,
And verses, too, there must be quite a score,
On various subjects, both old and new,
On autumn, summer, spring, and winter, too,
On birds and flowers, on fireworks and snow,
On trees and cats, on wintry winds that blow,
"On shoes and ships and cabbages and kings,"
On countries far and wide and other things.
Above my name has never yet been seen,
One article in our school magazine.

MONICA HEMMING (IVA).

SPORTS DAY, 1956

Our annual sports took place on Thursday, July 19th. A long period of cool, unsettled weather in the first half of the month had caused us to be prepared for anything, but the afternoon proved much better than we had anticipated and the field was in first-class condition for the competitors. As usual, a large crowd of parents and other visitors gathered to see the sports and were entertained by some very good performances, quite a number of previous records being beaten.

Indoors there was the customary exhibition of Arts and Crafts work by boys and girls, and visitors spent an enjoyable time inspecting the varied entries.

At the end of the afternoon the school assembled on the sports field for the presentation of trophies and medals to winners in sports and Arts and Crafts competitions, by Mrs. A. B. Quinney. And so another sports day passed into school history.

RESULTS

(B—Brownies, J—Jackals, T—Tomtits)

* Indicates a new record.

OVER FIFTEEN

Boys

100 yards—1 Parker (T), 2 Walker (B), 3 Bates (T), 4 Gill (J). Time: 10.7 secs.
 220 yards—1 Parker (T), 2 Gill (J), 3 Walker (B), 4 Finnmore (B). Time: 25.2 secs.
 440 yard—1 Finnmore (B) and Walker (B), 3 Gill (J), 4 Bailey ii (T). Time: 58.8 secs.
 880 yards—1 Finnmore (B), 2 Walker (B), 3 Gill (J), 4 Stowe (T). Time: 2 mins. 13 secs.*
 Hurdles: 1 Walker (B), 2 Finnmore (B), 3 Parker (T), 4 Smith (J). Time: 14.6 secs.*
 Mile—1 Finnmore (B), 2 Walker (B), 3 Gill (J), 4 Nixon (B). Time: 4 mins. 53.8 secs.*
 High Jump—1 Parker (T), 2 Bailey i (T), 3 Walker (B), 4 Rouse (T). Height: 4ft. 7ins.
 Throwing the Discus—1 Bates (T), 2 Stowe (T), 3 Pinfield (J), 4 Merris (B). Distance: 127ft. 2½ins.*
 Putting the Shot—1 Stowe (T), 2 Walker (B), 3 Bates (T), 4 Lewis i (T). Distance: 38ft. 6ins.*
 Long Jump—1 Parker (T), 2 Bailey ii (T), 3 Walker (B), 4 Bates (T). Distance: 18ft. 3½ins.*
 Throwing the Javelin—1 Stowe (T), 2 Bates (T), 3 Merris (B), 4 Nixon (B). Distance: 135ft. 9ins.*
 Cross-country—1 Finnmore (B), 2 Gill (J), 3 Rouse (T), 4 Nixon (B). Time: 25 mins. 58.4 secs.

GIRLS

100 yards—1 J. Burford (J), 2 B. Pope (J), 3 J. Rawbone (J), 4 J. Dugmore (B). Time: 12.6 secs.
 220 yards—1 J. Burford (J), 2 B. Pope (J), 3 J. Dugmore (B), J. Rawbone (J). Time: 30.1 secs.
 Hurdles—1 J. Burford (J), 2 J. Rawbone (J), 3 A. Jones (J), 4 P. Smith (J). Time: 13.2 secs.
 High Jump: 1 J. Burford (J), 2 B. Pope (J), 3 J. Rawbone (J), 4 A. Jones (J). Height: 4ft. 5ins.
 Throwing the Rounders Ball—1 M. Scott (B), 2 F. Jackson (B), 3 P. Smith (J), 4 J. Dugmore (B). Distance: 156ft. 4ins.
 Long Jump—1 J. Rawbone (J), 2 J. Burford (J), 3 A. Jones (J), 4 J. Dugmore (B). Distance 14ft. 4ins.*
 Throwing the Javelin—1 M. Scott (B), 2 J. Dugmore (B), 3 R. Highman (J), 4 C. Down (J). Distance 67ft. 2ins.*
 Throwing the Discus—1 J. Dugmore (B), 2 C. Down (J), 3 R. Highman (J), 4 A. Holt (T). Distance 69ft. 7½ins.

THIRTEEN—FIFTEEN

Boys

100 yards—1 Danks (T), 2 Mills iii (J), 3 Hopkins (B), 4 Cooper (T). Time: 11.3 secs.*
 220 yards—1 Danks (T), 2 Mills iii (J), 3 Hopkins (B), 4 Cooper (T). Time: 26.2 secs.*
 880 yards—1 Mills iii (J), 2 White (J), 3 Danks (T), 4 Lancaster (J). Time: 2 mins. 21.1 secs.*
 Hurdles—1 Ross ii (T), 2 Edmonds (T), 3 Hartill (B). Time: 12.8 secs.
 High Jump—1 Ross ii (T), 2 Beale (J), 3 Hopkins (B), 4 White (J). Height: 4ft. 6ins.

Long Jump—1 Hopkins (B), 2 Harris ii (T), 3 Cooper (T), 4 Ross ii (T). Distance: 15ft. 8ins.*
 Throwing the Javelin—1 Lovell i (B), 2 Mills iii (J), 3 Edwards i (B), 4 Beale (J). Distance: 89ft. 6ins.
 Throwing the Discus—1 Beale (J), 2 Mills iii (J), 3 Banfield (B), 4 Bryan (B). Distance: 80ft. 1in.*
 Cross-country—1 White (J), 2 Mills iii (J), 3 Leleu (T), 4 Cooper (T). Time: 16 mins. 8.2 secs.
 440 yards—1 Danks (T), 2 Mills iii (J), 3 White (J), 4 Edmonds (T). Time: 61.7 secs.

GIRLS

100 yards—1 J. Parton (J), 2 S. Dyson (B), 3 J. Pirie (J), 4 M. Millward (T). Time: 12.7 secs.
 150 yards—1 J. Parton (J), 2 S. Dyson (B), 3 J. Pirie (J), 4 M. Millward (T). Time: 20.3 secs.
 High Jump—1 W. Davis (T), 2 J. Pirie (J), 3 S. Dyson (B), 4 B. Jones (B). Height: 4ft. 2ins.
 Throwing the Rounders Ball—1 M. Rogers (T), 2 M. Wilks (B), 3 S. Dyson (B), 4 W. Yates. Distance: 136ft. 5ins.
 Long Jump—1 J. Parton (J), 2 A. Lloyd (B), 3 S. Dyson (B), 4 W. Davis (T). Distance: 12ft. 7ins.
 Hurdles—1 S. Dyson (B), 2 J. Pirie (J), 3 W. Davis (T), 4 B. Jones (B). Time: 11.7 secs.*
 Throwing the Discus—1 W. Yates (B), 2 S. Dyson (B), 3 J. Pirie (J), 4 M. Millward (T). Distance: 65ft. 5ins.
 Throwing the Javelin—1 J. Pirie (J), 2 M. Hemming (T), 3 S. Dyson (B), 4 W. Wright (B). Distance: 66ft.

UNDER THIRTEEN

BOYS

100 yards—1 York (J), 2 Andrews (T), 3 Bowie (T), 4 Lane (B). Time: 12.8 secs.
 220 yards—1 Leleu (T), 2 Andrews (T), 3 Wilkinson (T), 4 Dugmore (T). Time: 31.8 secs.
 440 yards—1 Leleu (T), 2 Andrews (T), 3 Dugmore (T), 4 Stanford (B). Time: 1 min. 9.3 secs.
 High Jump—1 Wyatt (J), 2 Leleu (T), 3 Wimlett (J), 4 Brand (T). Height: 3ft. 7ins.
 Long Jump—1 Leleu (T), 2 Hemming i (J), 3 Wyatt (J), 4 Wilkinson (T). Distance: 12ft. 10ins.
 Throwing the Cricket Ball—1 Wyatt (J), 2 Hemming ii (J), 3 Edwards ii (J), 4 Watson (B). Distance: 193ft. 5ins.*

GIRLS

100 yards—1 C. Forman (B), 2 I. Goward (J), 3 H. Clark (J), 4 P. Downing (B). Time: 13.7 secs.
 150 yards—1 C. Forman (B), 2 I. Goward (J), 3 H. Clark (J), 4 P. Downing (B). Time: 21.4 secs.*
 High Jump—1 E. Coveney (J), 2 I. Goward (J), 3 M. Pope (T), 4 D. Dudley (J). Height: 3ft. 6ins.
 Long Jump—1 I. Goward (J), 2 M. Pope (T), 3 I. Prowlin (B), 4 R. Wright (B). Distance: 13ft. 2ins.*
 Throwing the Rounders Ball—1 S. Pinder (B), 2 I. Goward (J), 3 C. Baylis (T), 4 M. Simpson (T). Distance: 158ft. 4ins.*

OTHER EVENTS

Relay (Boys) (24 x 110 yards—1 Tomtits, 2 Brownies. Time: 5 mins. 40 secs.*
 Relay (Upper School Boys) (4 x 110 yards)—1 Tomtits, 2 Brownies. Time: 51.4 secs.
 Relay (Lower School Boys) (4 x 110 yards)—1 Jackals, 2 Tomtits. Time: 54.8 secs.
 Relay (Upper School Girls) (4 x 110 yards)—1 Jackals, 2 Brownies. Time: 58.7 secs.
 Relay (Lower School Girls) (4 x 110 yards)—1 Brownies, 2 Jackals. Time: 62.9 secs.
 Tug-of-War—1 Tomtits, 2 Brownies.

The following presentations were made:—

Victor Ludorum Cup—Walker (34 points).
 Victrix Ludorum Cup—J. Burford (33 points).
 Junior Victrix Ludorum Cup—S. Dyson (34 points).
 Cross-country Cup—Tomtits.
 Games Shield—Jackals. Sports Cup (Boys)—Tomtits.
 Bronze Medals—Bates, Stowe, Gill, Andrews, Wyatt, Beryl Pope, Jane Rawbone, Margaret Scott, Janet Dugmore, Christine Forman.
 Silver Medals—Finnemore, Parker, Walker, Mills iii, White, Danks, Leleu, Jill Burford, Sybil Dyson, Josephine Parton, Jean Pirie, Irene Goward.
 Sports Shield—Jackals (427 points), Brownies scored 352 points and Tomtits 350 points.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

The following awards were made on the results of this year's competitions:—
 Bronze Medals—Margaret Millward, Finnemore, Irene Goward, Odell, Lane, Horton, Leleu, Kathleen Edwards, Angela Grummett, Jean Cowper, Robinson, Pauline Chandler, Lewis ii, Ann Grosvenor, Sheila Ingram.
 Silver Medals—Priscilla Apperley, Anita Bird, Valerie Baseley, Ann Holt.
 "Edith Deans" Memorial Trophy—Ann Holt.
 Arts and Crafts Shield—Brownies (1,907 points). Tomtits scored 1,844 points and Jackals 1,555 points.

PIKE FISHING

In the half-term holiday I cycled to my grandmother's. She lives at Eckington, which is near Pershore, in Worcestershire. About a quarter of a mile from Eckington there is a lock on the river Avon.

When I was there on my summer holiday I did jobs for the man in charge of the lock. I helped to put boats through, and clean punts.

So when I was there this time he asked me if I would like to go pike fishing with him. I said I would like to very much, and that afternoon we set off in a punt with all our tackle.

We had two piking rods, some live bait, which was small roach, gudgeon and chub, a keep-net, a landing net and a gaff-hook.

When we got to our selected spot we moored the punt and started to fix up our tackle. We chose a nice roach and fixed it on the special hook fixed with a weight. It also had a sliding float, so the line would run through it and not pull it under. We placed a tin lid on the line by the reel to attract our attention if we had a run.

It was not long before we heard a clatter, and the tin was no longer on the line, which was all tight. Mr. Jones gently picked up the rod and struck. We had got him! Mr. Jones gently wound him in till we had got him quite near the punt. We kept him there until he was tired out, and then with one sharp jab with the gaff-hook we had a six-pound pike lying in the punt.

E. C. STANFORD (Form II Δ).

LADY SUMNER

Lady Sumner is her name,
She's very short and fat.
She runs like Roger Bannister
Whene'er she sees a cat.

She has a very pretty face,
And a lovely coat of black,
But when she goes out in the rain
She never wears a mac.

Every day she takes a walk
Along the village streets.
There she throws a happy glance
To everyone she meets.

When it is cold and windy
She likes to go to sleep;
So when no-one is looking,
Away she'll quietly creep.

She rises very early
To collect the morning mail;
She loves the breeze and sunshine,
But she hates the snow and hail.

Her favourite meal is sausages,
She has them twice a week.
She's so thrilled on receiving them
That she never seems to speak.

When she goes into the park,
She sits upon a log . . .
But I expect, by now, you have guessed
That Lady is a dog.

PAT CLARK (Form IVB).

A WOMAN

She had a dark olive skin with jet black hair. Her face was haggard but her eyes were bright, and her skin creased into hundreds of wrinkles when she smiled. She wore old and shabby clothes of hard-wearing materials, and on her feet were a pair of wooden shoes. She walked with vigour for her age, because she must have been quite old. Her back was bent, because she carried on it an enormous heavy cane basket filled with pieces of wood. It was three feet high, with two straps which she had around her shoulders. Under one arm she carried a long pole, which she manœuvred in and out of the people expertly.

I know not the name of this remarkable woman, where she lives or anything about her, but in a dark street in Morcote she stood out from everyone else.

CHRISTINE BAYLIS (Form IIIA).

CAMPANOLOGY

I have a very unusual hobby—I am learning to be a bell ringer. Every Tuesday night, and twice on Sunday, we climb the spiral staircase which leads to the belfry. It takes a lot of time and patience to be a good ringer. The first thing the tutor did was to go up to the bells and tie the clapper so as not to make an awful din.

I then took hold of the rope and the fluffy part, which is called the “Sally”, and started pulling. As the bell began to swing higher and higher the rope began to swing around like a snake, until my tutor taught me how to control it. My first big day came when I was allowed to have the bell on my own and to ring in rounds with the rest of the band. I soon found this was not so easy as I thought.

However, with a guiding hand and a word or two of advice, I soon began to master it. My lesson over, I sat down to watch the rest of the band do some change-ringing.

This is an art which is almost entirely British, and consists of the bells changing their positions during the course of the ringing.

SHEILA INGRAM (Form IIA).

HAIR PROBLEMS

I should like to have blonde hair,
Nicely set to keep in its place.
How I envy those girls
With natural curls,
When mine flops all over my face.

The hairdresser takes much trouble,
But it's hopeless, I fear, in my case.
They may strive day and night
To put my hair right,
But it still flops all over my face.

I step out on Sunday to church,
I walk down the street with such grace.
But how *can* I look fine
With hair like mine
Flopping all over my face?

GILLIAN READING (Form IIIA).

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL

It was the middle of January, 1956, when we docked at Port Suez on the first stage of our journey home to England.

It was very hot, and nearly all the streets were deserted. We were only allowed on shore for two hours, but that was enough.

About ten that same morning we left Port Suez for the long journey through the Suez Canal. The passage-way is marked by red buoys, and the maximum speed is seven to eight knots. If you go onto the top deck you can watch both sides of the canal at once. The golden sand stretches for miles on end, broken up by little villages. These are made up of little white houses surrounding the glistening white temples, and in the background are tall palm trees and the village well. If you look carefully you can watch a camel caravan crossing the desert. Soon we saw an Army convalescent home, and many of the soldiers were swimming in the canal. On the embankment were armoured vehicles patrolling.

That afternoon we reached one of the great lakes, where we had to stop to let the other convoy through. That night, about seven, we started off again, and suddenly we stopped. It was announced that the *Iberia* had run into a mud bank, and held us up for two days. Then, at last, we were able to move on again, and reached the safety of Port Said harbour after a slow but very thrilling journey through the Suez Canal.

DIANA KING (Form IIB).

OLLA PODRIDA

Mrs. M., writes D.W., showed him one of the letters she had inter-sected.

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Puck, according to M.B., says to the audience: "If you like the play, clap; if not, scrape the serpent's teeth."

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E.S. informs us that there is a small railway station at Redditch which takes us as far as Birmingham, but it mostly runs for goods.

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An earthquake made the volcano shoot out larva, B.B. writes.

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Their feet, J.P. asserts, were like lumps of boiling water.

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The total amount of mater in the air, J.E. assures us, is constance.

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C.B. says that Scudder was in a very jumper state.

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I had my present garden given me when my father built his foul pen on my other garden, writes J.L.

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The moon god worshipped by the people of Ur was called Nasser.

We are informed by B.W. that Shakespeare's plays are perfumed at Stratford.

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P.C. refers to Spenser's description of the Severn Sins.

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Calshot Castle, writes D.H., was built in the rein of Henry VIII.

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M.L. would like to know if an ohm is where people live.

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Our geography expert tells us that on the other side of Java was the town of Barcelona.

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On the authority of G.B., Pyramus and Thisbe were supposed to have died a dual death.

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E.D., lost in a mist, and wishing to attract attention, sat under a rock and began calling his companions names.

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He had, we are told, no desire to marry himself.

A JOURNEY UP A MOUNTAIN

A strange thing once happened to some of my friends who were spending a holiday in Switzerland. They set out to climb a small mountain one morning, taking some provisions with them, hoping to get a beautiful view of blue lakes and snow-capped mountains when they reached the top. In the valley it was warm and sunny, but when they were half-way up the mountain they found themselves among damp mist. This mist made them very uncomfortable. They hoped to climb out into the sun once more, but they were unlucky. The higher they went the colder it became, and at last the mist or cloud was no longer made of drops of water, but of something much, much colder—snow. This snow was falling thickly from the cloud.

When my friends reached the top they found a tumbled-down wooden house there, with the door tightly closed to keep out the cold and snow. Inside the tumbled-down house there was a furnace, so they made a fire with some of the old wood which was lying on the floor of the house, and hot soup was soon ready to warm the frozen climbers.

Nothing could be seen but the foggy clouds and the snow which continually came down. Soon my friends decided to climb down to the valley once more. They were very disappointed, for they wanted to climb past the cloud and see the wonderful sight around them, blue sky and bright sunshine above, and below they wanted to see a fluffy sea of soft snow and the tops of the clouds glittering in the sun.

When my friends reached the bottom they were surprised to find that it was warm, though the sky was a little cloudy. There had been some rain, but not snow.

VIIth FORM NOTES

This term the writing of these notes has once more been entrusted to the hands of the Arts Sixth, since the scientists have decided to confine their literary efforts to B.B.C. publications.

Owing to the fact that only two of last year's Fifth Form have considered themselves competent to brave the rigours of Sixth Form life (or have been so considered by the powers that be), the number of boy prefects has been reduced to nine. This has necessitated even more hard work than usual by the aforesaid nine, work rendered less easy by the addition of the annual group of new pupils, none of whom initially knows what to do or where to do it.

In spite of this unremitting toil, however, time has been found for indulgence in an interesting if somewhat unusual pastime. This is the growing of moustaches, two of which made their surprising appearance this term. Let me hasten to say that few outside the Sixth Form will have noticed this, for they were not noble or outstanding growths. One, a ginger one, consisted of about seven weak-looking microscopic excrescences irregularly spaced along the upper lip; the other, black in colour, took the form of rather less than the same number of elegant flowing appendages tending to whiteness at the extremities. Whether they were shrivelled by the vituperation directed at them, or whether their failure to develop further, in spite of conscientious thrice-weekly pruning, discouraged their hosts, has not been discovered; the fact remains that one day they were (just visibly) there, the next they were gone.

The only other event of note this term was a certain happening in registration which caused one of the above-mentioned propagators of whiskers to turn an interesting shade of puce and emit a shocked "Gor!" When questioned about this atypical behaviour he revealed that, while in the process of sitting he had split his trousers. Prodding tentatively at the afflicted area, he discovered that the rent was considerable and that embarrassment would ensue if he moved unprotected. Unwilling, as ever, to cause comment, he was smuggled to the canteen under cover of a strategically dangled satchel, and there his dark grey trousers were sewn together with white cotton provided by an obliging "Food Woman". Thus the trouble was reduced to a mere informality in dress.

On the whole, then, it has been a peaceful term, with monotony broken by events such as the above. Therefore boredom has possessed us all, and we sit waiting for our "whispering wireless" either to speak up or blow up. With the scientists at the helm either seems likely.

D. E. SALE.

EMBLEY PARK, 1956

During August a party of nurses, who acted as officers, and Grammar School pupils who wished to take up nursing as a career, and their friends spent a very enjoyable fortnight's holiday at Embley Park, in Romsey, which was the home of Florence Nightingale.

The programme was very full and included outings to seaside resorts, the New Forest and places of historical interest. Visits were paid to

nearby hospitals, where the campers were shown round the wards, the operating theatre and the nurses' home. Embley Park itself was not lacking in facilities for entertainment, as the campers had access to tennis courts, a swimming pool, horse riding and the spacious gardens and woods around.

All these entertainments were the added pleasures of a holiday the main reason for which was to bring campers to know Christ as their Saviour and to show the way in which the nursing profession, and indeed all walks of life, can benefit from this knowledge.

ALMA TAYLOR and MARY THOMAS (Form VI.)

OUR CAMP

One day last summer my friend and I decided to build a camp near the river, by our house. In the afternoon we set out to find a nice spot. After a few minutes we came upon a soft mossy place, and decided we would build it here. There were plenty of willows and rushes and dead nettles. We put the nettles together in bunches and tied them up with pieces of string. We dug little holes and placed the willows in, and then put the bunches of nettles in and out of the willows, forming a sort of thatch. We did nothing to the top because there were some branches over already. We also made a path up to it, and it looked like a little house. The next afternoon we decided to have a picnic down there, and we enjoyed it very much. During the night it poured with rain, and when we went to our camp on the following day, to our disappointment it had been blown down and was completely destroyed. So ended the life of our camp.

ROSINA BIDDLE (Form Ib).

CASTLES IN THE AIR

The sun was hot, the air was still,
The sky above was blue;
I lay upon the grass and made,
In many a fairy dell and glade,
Castles of varying hue.

I dreamt I was a princess fair,
Lived in a palace fine,
And many a prince, from far and wide,
Came hastening, me to be beside
And tell me I'm divine.

Or, once again, the scene was changed,
A gypsy girl was I.
In brightly-painted charabanc
I roamed the roads, then danced and sang
By night beneath the sky.

And then I was an Indian
In sari coloured bright.
Or, next, a Christian African
With big eyes and a deep brown tan,
And teeth all shining white.

But most of all, my castle was
(That's how it seemed to me)
To be a mother, sweet and kind.
But then, alas, I woke to find
That it was time for tea.

ELIZABETH COVENEY (IIIa).

AT MILTON MOUNT COLLEGE

During the summer holidays this year my friend and I decided to go to a college in Sussex to study French.

In order to get down to the college we had to go to London and board a special train marked "Holiday Course". We were most thankful to board the train as we had had an extremely busy morning travelling to London and crossing from Paddington to Victoria Station. There were a lot of other schoolgirls on the train, and some of them, as we found out later, had come from Yorkshire and Lancashire.

We soon arrived at the station nearest to the college, and as we drove up the long drive in a taxi we could see that it was surrounded by lovely trees and shrubs. We all attended an introductory meeting, and afterwards we seemed to fall into the routine.

We had three lessons every morning, each lasting almost one hour. The rest of the time was free. There were a lot of French girls at the college, and they easily outnumbered the English girls. I very much enjoyed talking to them, but not at night in the dormitories. At bedtime, one does really want to sleep, and it is surprising how much noise five French girls can make.

In the evenings, we were very occupied with concerts, games and lectures. One evening we had some records with speeches from some of Shakespeare's plays. I felt very sorry for the French girls.

We stayed a week at the college. Except for the lectures, which I found most difficult to understand, I enjoyed my holiday very much, and I really think my French has improved.

JENNIFER BARNSDALE (Form IV^A).

WINTER

The winter nights are drawing near,
The time I like the best.
You can gather round the fireside
And chatter with the rest.

You think of summer pleasures
And holidays now past,
And fun and games and frolics
And friendships made to last.

But winds are blowing round the house,
The snow is piling higher,
And I find all my pleasures now
Just gazing in the fire.

P. LATHAM (Form III^B).

THE WITCH

The moon was clear, the stars were bright,
'Twas then the old witch fled through the night.
She fled on her broomstick, with Tibby her cat,
She wore her black cloak and tall steeple hat.

Her fingers were bony, her eyes were green,
She was the ugliest witch that I've ever seen.
She would cast spells on people, and turn them to frogs
Or turn them to tadpoles, to swim in the bogs.

She would make brews of monkeys, sometimes of dogs,
Or sometimes she'd make it out of green frogs.
So if ever you meet this nasty old witch,
If you dare . . . push her into a ditch.

PATRICIA SHERLOCK (Form I^A).

OXFORD EXAMINATIONS FOR GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

The following pupils obtained certificates in the examinations held in June/July, 1956:—

SIXTH FORM

A—Advanced level. O—Ordinary level.

T. O. Bailey, *Geography* (A); V. H. Baseley, *English* (A), *Latin* (A), *French* (A); P. Bates, *Pure Mathematics* (A), *Applied Mathematics* (A); R. M. Highman, *Pure Mathematics* (A), *Applied Mathematics* (A); S. P. Hunt, *English* (A), *History* (A), *Geography* (A); M. C. James, *French* (O); R. C. Lewis, *English Literature* (starred paper); B. R. Merris, *French* (O); W. C. Oseland, *Pure Mathematics* (A), *Applied Mathematics* (A), *Physics* (A); R. B. Parker, *Chemistry* (O); B. Pope, *English* (A), *Latin* (A, with distinction), *Biology* (A); J. E. Rawbone, *Pure Mathematics* (A), *Applied Mathematics* (A), *Physics* (A); E. A. Swinglehurst, *English* (A), *Latin* (A, with distinction), *French* (A); P. Walker, *French* (O), *Additional Mathematics* (O).

FIFTH FORM

All Ordinary level.

J. P. Baylis, *English Language*, *English Literature*, *French*, *Chemistry*; I. R. Benfield, *English Literature*, *History*, *Cookery*; P. M. Betteridge, *English Language*, *English Literature*, *Mathematics*, *Needlework*; N. C. Boswell, *English Language*, *English Literature*, *History*, *Geography*, *Mathematics*, *Chemistry*; R. W. Broadley, *English Language*, *Mathematics*, *Physics*; J. M. Bullock, *English Language*, *English Literature*, *French*, *History*, *Mathematics*, *Chemistry*, *Biology*, *Cookery*; J. D. Burford, *English Language*, *English Literature*, *French*, *History*, *Geography*, *Mathematics*, *Chemistry*, *Biology*; P. Buskin, *English Language*, *English Literature*, *Art*; P. E. Chandler, *English Language*, *English Literature*, *History*, *Mathematics*, *Chemistry*, *Cookery*; J. T. Cooke, *History*, *Art*; J. Cowper, *English Language*, *English Literature*, *History*, *Art*; L. A. Croyden, *English Literature*, *History*, *Art*, *Cookery*; P. F. Davis, *Mathematics*; M. Dyke, *English Language*, *English Literature*, *French*, *History*, *Geography*, *Mathematics*, *Physics*, *Chemistry*; P. J. Feast, *Mathematics*; J. M. Gordon, *English Literature*, *Art*; A. Grosvenor, *English Language*, *English Literature*, *French*, *History*, *Art*, *Mathematics*, *Biology*; P. R. Harris, *English Language*, *Mathematics*, *Chemistry-with-Physics*; J. A. Harvey, *English Language*, *English Literature*, *French*, *History*, *Mathematics*, *Cookery*; E. A. Holt, *English Language*, *English Literature*, *French*, *Chemistry*, *Cookery*; F. Y. Jackson, *English Language*, *Art*; J. M. Jordan, *English Language*, *English Literature*, *History*, *Geography*, *Art*, *Mathematics*; C. R. Keen, *English Language*, *English Literature*, *History*, *Geography*, *Mathematics*, *Chemistry*; V. M. Lively, *English Literature*, *Cookery*; J. Manning, *English Language*, *English Literature*, *French*, *History*, *Mathematics*, *Chemistry*, *Biology*, *Cookery*; D. J. Mills, *French*, *Mathematics*; J. Moulson, *English Language*, *English Literature*, *French*, *History*, *Art*, *Mathematics*, *Biology*, *Cookery*; B. R. Nixon, *English Literature*, *History*, *Geography*, *Mathematics*, *Chemistry*; M. P. Norden, *English Language*, *English*

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THE STORM

The sky grew black out in the west,
The wind grew strong as the men did rest.
The sun disappeared behind dark clouds,
The wind it whistled in the shrouds.

The men arose with startled cries
As the lightning split the dark night skies.
The thunder it cracked with a shattering roar,
Then the captain was thrown on his cabin door.

The sailors that night to the bulwarks clung,
And many a sailor to Neptune was flung.
And then at the first sight of dawn
The men for their lost shipmates did mourn.

But at eight bells the sky did clear,
And those poor men were relieved of fear.
Now out on the open Pacific so calm
For home! They thanked God with a psalm.

J. CURNOCK (Form IIIB).

NATIONAL SAVINGS

It gives me much pleasure to report that our system of Form Hon. Secretaries continues to be very successful.

From September, 1955, to September, 1956, £403 11s. was saved through this Group, and the average weekly savings so far this term has been £13 13s.

We are very pleased to welcome Judy Cartmale and Dian Cooke as Hon. Secretaries, and heartily congratulate them on the excellent record of regular savings in their forms.

Other Form Secretaries are Josephine Tuckey, Stallard, Edwards, Geraldine Draycott, Elizabeth Smith, Christine Burton, Diana Roberts, Monica Micklewright and Alma Taylor. They have all proved themselves most conscientious, whether their Groups are large or small, and deserve all the encouragement their members can give them by bringing savings regularly and paying their Secretary promptly every Friday morning.

National Saving Certificates are still obtainable through this Group, and are at the moment a particularly attractive investment for parents or pupils.

MISS YOUNG, Hon. Secretary.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY*President* : R. C. Lewis.*Secretary* : M. C. James.*Treasurer* : D. E. Sale.*Social Secretary* : M. Thomas.

This term the Dramatic Society has welcomed many new members. For the first time, Third Formers have been admitted into the society, and have proved to be quite versatile.

The first part of term was concerned with our usual activities, working under the "rota system". Free speech, in the form of debates, has been encouraged, as opposed to quiz games, which were becoming rather monotonous. Members were reluctant to "speak" at first, excepting, of course, our two "veterans" who earned themselves the title of "champion speakers" last term. This matter was rectified by drawing lots, so that each member would have his fair share to do.

Miming has also been a popular item on the term's programme. By miming, the younger members have shown their acting ability.

For the past few weeks there has been much deliberation on the subject of a school play. As we were unable to produce one last year, we all feel that we must make a special effort to find one this year, but the problems seem insuperable. We have done some play-reading, but as yet nothing suitable has been discovered. If anyone knows of full-length plays, with only one scene, no more than twelve characters, and a story lively with interest but suitable for a school production—(alas, how many are not!)—we should be most grateful.

We should like to thank all members for their ready co-operation, without which the society could not operate, and also Miss Young, who is always willing to offer support and advice.

MURIEL LOWE.

THE CHESS CLUB

At the start of the term there was a great increase from eight to twenty-one in the number of club members, all of whom would like to thank Mr. Lathan for his generous gift of two chess-boards and sets of men to the club.

Most of the members usually play League games, and the three leading players in this contest after the first points total had been made at half-term were Thornton, Chambers and White. We hope to hold our usual knock-out competition later on in the term.

Last term's knock-out competition was won by Mills, who beat Fridman in the final, and the League by Bailey, Sheppard and Day, who all had the same number of points. The two top positions in the ladder were held by Bailey and Sheppard, and these positions remain the same this term, because only occasionally do members play ladder games, owing to the full League programme.

Games are still played in the dinner-hour in a form room by keen members. The club now owns seven chess boards and sets of men, some of which have been bought with weekly subscriptions paid by each member.

M. BAILEY, Secretary.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Our reduced membership this term has been a blessing in disguise, as we are able to make better use of the dark-room.

Our activities so far have been mostly confined to enlarging, several members having obtained promising results.

On September 21st we had a manuscript lecture on "Negative Development," which proved quite interesting. There are many more to follow. We have also experimented with flash photography.

M. J. ROUSE.

THE COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

Secretary: J. Holt.

Treasurer: C. Down.

Committee:

J. Barnsdale, C. Burton, E. Gregory, M. Hemming, P. Hygate.

Owing to the popularity of the Country Dance Society this year, it was felt necessary to form a Junior Country Dance Society, and this, too, has gone with a "swing". Miss Hewitt organises the seniors, and Miss Norman the juniors.

As only a few new members joined the senior society, no time was lost in teaching the basic steps, so many new dances were learnt instead, including an American Square Dance which brought great fun to the Friday afternoon programmes.

We hope to hold our customary Christmas parties at the end of term.

J. HOLT.

AEROMODELLING AND RADIO SOCIETY

The members of the Aeromodelling Club have completed several aeroplanes. Some of the models have made flight, others have come to a disastrous end. One member has been "running-in" a small engine; in the end he was banished to the hockey field, as the noise was too disturbing.

The Radio Club have demonstrated an electric clock and a simple electronic burglar alarm. Progress is being made in the use of valves for working simple relays. It is hoped that a photo-electric cell will soon be purchased for other experiments.

A.G.S. PLATOON, 7/11 BATTALION, ROYAL WARWICKSHIRE REGIMENT

Training has proceeded well during the past months.

At the beginning of the term the Platoon was to some extent re-organized, as three of the N.C.O.s had left school. Corporal Hartill was promoted to Sergeant, L/Corporal Batchelor to Corporal, and Cadets Bridgman, Cotter, Dale, Jenkins and Nutbeam to L/Corporals.

Last term we lost the services of Sergeant Oseland, who worked hard during his term of office, with excellent results.

The annual camp, at Walton Hall, was attended by Sergeant Hartill and L/Corporal Nutbeam, who gained valuable information and experience in day and night patrols under extremely inclement weather conditions. They also received instruction and had firing practice with the .303 rifle and the L.M.G.

During June, the Platoon .22 rifle team won a competition against Stratford Company, at Stratford Drill Hall. The team consisted of Sergeant Oseland, Corporal Stowe, Corporal Broadley and L/Corporal Batchelor.

We are pleased to note that Cadets Hinks and Lovell successfully took their Cert. "A" Part I. examination at Rugby T.A. Centre on Sunday, November 18th, 1956.

The next Cert. "A" Part II. examination is due to take place at the Regimental Depot, Budbrooke Barracks, on December 2nd, and we would like to take this opportunity of wishing all entrants every success in their attempt.

THE SCOUT TROOP

During this term considerable progress has been maintained in Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class instruction. On Friday, October 19th, Foster, Hemming, Spooner, Ward i and Ward ii were invested by the Assistant County Commissioner, Mr. Rowe. Our outdoor activities have included wide games, tracking, and a cooking competition. These activities are recorded in a log-book each week by the duty patrol.

At the end of July, Bamfield, Hopkins, the Ward twins and Merris attended a summer camp in Carmarthenshire with the 11th Leamington Scout Group. The weather was good and our activities included swimming, a wide game at night, a camp fire, and Patrol and Troop hikes along the rugged Welsh coast.

Nearly all our members have full uniform. The Troop soon hope to purchase a tent.

B.R.M.

FOOTBALL

1st XI Captain : Pinfield. *Under 15 XI Captain* : Mills ii.

Despite the loss of half of last year's side, the First XI this season has continued to be as successful. Experience combined with inexperience has proved satisfactory. So far the five games played have been won, including our new fixture—Tewkesbury G.S.

The Under 15 XI have improved a good deal. Although they have yet to win a game, the team has drawn three of the five games they have played.

There yet remain, however, some of the stronger sides to be played, but we shall endeavour to preserve our improved records.

RESULTS

- A.G.S. 1st XI v. Worcester T.H.S. (home), won, 6—1.
 " v. Chipping Campden G.S. (home), won, 6—5.
 " v. Redditch C.H.S. (away), won, 4—2.
 " v. Evesham P.H.G.S. 2nd XI (away), won, 3—2.
 " v. Tewkesbury G.S. (home), won, 2—1.
 A.G.S. Under 15 XI v. Worcester T.H.S. (home) drawn, 2—2.
 " v. Wythall S.M.S. (away), drawn, 3—3.
 " v. Evesham P.H.G.S. (home), lost, 0—9.
 " v. Bidford S.M.S. (home), lost, 0—2.
 " v. Evesham P.H.G.S. (away), drawn, 2—2.

R. LEWIS, Hon. Secretary.

HOCKEY

Captain : M. Norden.

Vice-Captain : J. Bullock.

Games Secretary : J. Bullock.

This term practices are being held during Tuesday dinner-hours and after school on the same day. These practices have been enthusiastically attended by members of the Second and Third Forms.

Owing to the loss of many of last year's teams, we were not very successful in our first matches, but practice improved the co-ordination of our teams and the first eleven won their last match against Evesham.

At the Inter-Schools Hockey Tournament, held at Leamington, the first eleven were runners-up in their section, winning three of their four matches. Their one defeat was by one goal only.

We should like to extend our congratulations to M. Scott on being selected to play for the Warwickshire County Junior First XI.

The first eleven has included M. Scott, J. Dugmore, S. Dyson, J. Holt, M. Norden, J. Bullock, J. Burford, C. Down, E. Gregory, C. Baylis, B. Jones, M. Wilkes.

The second eleven has consisted of E. Jenkins, R. Bluck, R. Patterson, G. Clews, R. Wright, J. Pirie, A. Bird, W. Wright, G. Draycott, M. Rogers, A. Ashton, M. Wilkes, C. Baylis, M. Millward, E. Coveney.

RESULTS

- A.G.S. 1st XI v. Studley College (away), lost 0—1.
 " v. Chipping Campden G.S. (home), lost, 0—2.
 " v. Worcester G.S. (home), lost, 0—2.
 " v. Evesham P.H.G.S. (away), won, 3—2.
 " Inter-Schools Tournament. Won 3, lost 1.
 A.G.S. 2nd XI v. Chipping Campden G.S. (home), lost, 2—7.
 " v. Worcester G.S. (home), lost 0—8.
 " v. Evesham P.H.G.S. (away), lost, 1—2.

J. BULLOCK.

NETBALL

Captain : J. Burford.

Vice-Captain : J. Dugmore.

Games Secretary : J. Bullock.

This term practices are being held during Thursday dinner-hours and after school on Tuesdays.

So far this term we have played three first team and two second team matches. In their first matches against Sutton Coldfield both

the first and second teams were defeated, but in their matches against Leamington they gained decisive victories. When the first seven played Studley College, they were again the winning side.

The first seven has included J. Burford, J. Dugmore, S. Dyson, C. Down, M. Scott, E. Gregory, S. Tilsley, E. Stewart, B. Jones.

The second eleven has included J. Pirie, M. Millward, J. Bullock, M. Wilkes, C. Baylis, W. Wright, E. Stewart, S. Tilsley, B. Jones.

RESULTS

A.G.S. 1st VII	v. Sutton Coldfield H.S. (away), lost, 11—15.
"	v. Leamington College (away), won, 14—9.
"	v. Studley College (away), won, 9—8.
A.G.S. 2nd VII	v. Sutton Coldfield H.S. (away), lost, 7—22.
"	v. Leamington College (away), won, 15—7.

J. BULLOCK.

SUPPLEMENTARY RESULTS

The following details of summer games are additional to those recorded in the July magazine :—

CRICKET

A.G.S. 1st XI	v. St. Philip's G.S. (away), lost, 67—69 for 7.
"	v. Redditch C.H.S. (away), drawn, 73 for 2—89 for 8 (dec.).
"	v. Worcester T.H.S. (away), won, 46 for 0—45.
A.G.S. Under 12 XI	v. Alcester Preparatory School, lost, 10—23 for 7 (dec.).
SIDES: Tomtits	53 for 4 (dec.), Brownies 18; Tomtits 77 for 9 (dec), Jackals 30; Brownies 21, Jackals 22 for 4.
SIDES (Junior):	Tomtits 37 for 9, Jackals 32; Tomtits 33 for 6, Brownies 32; Brownies 10, Jackals 11 for 0.

ANALYSIS

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
A.G.S. 1st XI	10	3	4	3

Colours were awarded to Lewis i.

TENNIS

A.G.S. 1st VI	v. Evesham P.H.G.S. (home), won, 5—4.
"	v. Hugh Clopton S.M.S. (away), won, 6—3.
"	v. Worcester G.S. (away), lost, 2—7.
"	v. King's Norton G.S. (home), lost, 3—6.
"	v. Old Scholars (home), lost, 4—5.
"	v. Chipping Campden G.S. (away), won, 5—4.
A.G.S. 2nd VI	v. Hugh Clorton S.M.S. (away), won, 8—1.
SIDES:	Jackals 2, Tomtits 7; Brownies 9, Jackals 0; Brownies 6, Tomtits 3.

ANALYSIS

	Played	Won	Lost
A.G.S. 1st VI	14	9	5

ROUNDERS

A.G.S. 1st IX	v. Evesham P.H.G.S. (home), won, 4½—0.
"	v. Worcester G.S. (away), won, 2—0.
"	v. King's Norton G.S. (home), lost, 3—9½.
"	v. Chipping Campden G.S. (away), lost, 5—7.
A.G.S. 2nd IX	v. Worcester G.S. (away), lost, 2—4.
"	v. King's Norton G.S. (home), lost, 0—9.
"	v. Chipping Campden G.S. (away), lost, 3—5.
SIDES:	Jackals 6½ (dec.), Tomtits 4½; Brownies 8, Tomtits 1; Brownies 8 (dec.), Jackals 3.

ANALYSIS

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
A.G.S. 1st IX	11	5	—	6
A.G.S. 2nd IX	9	1	—	8

Colours were awarded to Jill Burford.

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